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OTB tournaments are back! The May Day tournament (above) featured 61 players eager to return to in-person tournaments.

Below are all of the tournaments scheduled in Iowa

2021 Iowa Class Championships. July 17th, 2021. Location: Christ the King Church, 325 Mormon Trek Blvd, Iowa City, IA 52246 . Time Control G|70; D5 and Under G/30;D5. Entry Fee $25 ($20 for Class E and Under including Onsite) if postmarked by July 10th, $30 on site. $10 play up fee. Registration: 8:45 -9:15. Rounds 9:30am-2:30-5:00-7:30 pm. (Class E 9:30 1030 11:30 then 230 then ASAP). Prizes Class prizes, 1st place $50 + trophy, 2nd place $30 Class E Prizes Trophies to top 5, 1st and 2nd for U1000, U800, U600, U400, U200 and Unrated). USCF and IASCA Membership required. TD: Eric Vigil. Send Entry and Questions to—Eric G. Vigil 445 Galway Drive, Iowa City, IA 52246 Include name, USCF ID, Section, phone #, email address. Eric Vigil contact—319-621-3116 evigil@gmail.com. Additional Information: **Annual meeting at 1 pm**. Note the Iowa State Closed Championship will be held not be held this year due to no qualifying tournaments held during the Pandemic. We will be following current Johnson County Covid 19 Protocols.

2021 Des Moines Open (IASCA GP Qualifier) FIDE-Rated. Twelve US Chess Grand Prix Points. August 21-22, 2021. Location: Holiday Inn 6111 Fleur Drive, Des Moines, IA 50321. 515.287.2400. HR: $105 plus taxes if reserved by July 24th. Market rate was given for reserving after July 24th. Time Control 90|30. Entry Fee $60 before August 21st, $70 on site. Rounds: 5-SS Saturday 10:00; 2:30; 7:00 Sunday 9:30; 2:00. Prizes $1000 b/30 entries. Top 3 guaranteed. $350, $200 & $150 U2200 $125 U2000-$100 U1800 -$75. Unrated not eligible for prizes. USCF and IASCA membership required. TD: Bill Broich, 3100 Grand Ave. 5h. Des Moines IA 50312 (515) 205-8062 or email: bill@dsmchess.com . Online registration at—https://www.kingregistration.com/event/2021dmop. Additional Info: Byes: One 1/2 point bye per player. Last round bye must be requested prior to the start of the 1st round. Byes for all other rounds a must be requested 1 hour prior to the start of the round. USCF: ratings used for pairing rank and prizes. FIDE: Swiss pairing and floor rulings. USCF July supplement used for ratings. FIDE rule 11.3 enforced with regards to electronic devices. Players must turn in a scoresheet for every game. NO ELECTRONIC SCORESHEETS. No spectators are allowed in the playing hall 10 minutes after the start of the round. Players are allowed spectate after their game is over. Spectator rules are subject to change.

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Hello From the Editor:

Hello, I am Cub Noble, I am a Class A player and have been playing competitive chess for about a decade.

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, I wrote a couple of newsletters for the Cedar Falls area. As a result, I was asked to help out by sending the En Passant to the rest of the state.

Inside, you will see contributions from Eric Vigil, Bill Broich, Katie Freerksen, Irene Fei, and myself.

Enjoy the chess!

Join the Iowa State Chess Association!

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OTB is BACK!!!!!!!!

By: Eric Vigil

Ahhhhh the days pushing a pawn across the board. Using my hands to touch the pieces. Getting to say -

SHHH!!!! To a group of noisy chess players after the games have been completed. To be asked "when is the next round?" "can you help me set my clock?" ahhh the joys of running and playing in chess tournaments.

Well Ming Lodh had a great Idea as COVID restrictions were starting to lift. Why not play outside? She had some experience with the downtown association of Iowa City through her work with the Chinese Association of Iowa City. She thought an outdoor tournament downtown Iowa City would be a grand idea. So she talked to them and secured a permit to have some space next to the fountain in the pedestrian mall in downtown Iowa City. Unfortunately, they did not provide tables and chairs. I then contacted the Iowa City Public Library Anne Wilmoth their Tween Coordinator with whom I have worked with the ICPL's Totally Tween Chess Tournament in memory of Steve Young. She was able to find us 8 tables but no chairs. I then went to my church, Christ the King Lutheran of Iowa City. They have a number of "outside" metal folding chairs that I was able to borrow. I thought there were about 60 but when I actually counted there were only 56! There were tables, and we wanted people to be a little spread out, so instead of fitting three board to a table we chose to have two. I told Ming, she should bring chairs and I would bring a few chairs and we limited the amount of people to 60.

The day of tournament when I was loading tables and chairs, I found 10 more chairs at the church. So, we were able to accommodate the extra people. With such enthusiasm, I decided to add events. It was still difficult to book venues indoors at this point in the pandemic, but with vaccination rates going up and Outdoor events being sanctioned by the current CDC guidelines Chess in the Park was reborn. May 20th and 27th I rented a shelter in Lower City Park in Iowa City and advertised the events.

The first event on May 20th there was a strong chance of rain and thunder storms. I had played through a huge downpour at the Blank Park Zoo in my ZooTacular event, so I pledged that rain or shine I would be there and we would play chess. Rain came, but it was just a drizzle as did 22 enthusiastic chess players, including Dr. Sheffield who played in

scholastic events as a kid and took a 21-year break from tournament chess. The Patel brothers, university of Iowa students who after the semester ended are living at home in Grinnell made the trip. Thomas Hesse from Cedar Falls Iowa who just can't play online chess was jonesing for some over the board. And chess enthusiast Ryan Ott who lives across the street from City Park just wandered over.

The Next week we faced more austere conditions, a cold front had come through and pushed the temperature down to the low 40's. There was a frost warning in the area that night. I hardly thought anyone would show up, but I was wrong. 24 highly charged (and freezing) chess players arrived for play.

Among them Val Trussov living in Cedar Rapids originally from Kazakhstan. New chess enthusiast Liana Chimenti and her mother were shivering but held in there. Liana was such a trooper; she was small but mighty. I brought a teapot and players put their hands around it to warm up their fingers between rounds.

With that much enthusiasm and a little lead time I went to my church and secured the building for three evening events in June. Two of them FIDE! The first was a 5 round double FIDE blitz event that brought two of Iowa's state champions to play, Arshaq Saleem and Joseph Wan, as well as Pedro Gudino and Luis Peralta from the Quad Cities.

The next week was a FIDE evening Rapid event which brought Hashem Zahedipour an expat from Iran and drove from Ames Iowa needing him some chess. We discovered he had a FIDE ID and rating from his play in Iran. Mr. Gavin Stroh a recent high school graduate drove from Aplington Iowa which is Northwest of Marshalltown. 8 of the 21 players were unrated and 9 had provisional ratings with less than 10 games. Two players signed up that night. The enthusiasm is pushing me to do more events.

Then the Iowa City Downtown association contacted me about being part of the Iowa City Downtown Block Party. They are going to shut down Washington St. in Front of the Java House and put out 50 tables and 200 chairs and shade/rain tents to let us have an up to 200 player blitz events! BOOM!

I can't tell you how excited I am to do this for the chess community. See you over the board soon.

May Day Event

By: Cub Noble

The May Day tournament was a G15 D2 six round quick tournament with Joseph Wan and Gokul Thangavel tying for 1st with 5.5 / 6 points.

It was one of the first formal OTB tournaments to resume after the pandemic.

Getting back into OTB tournaments, 61 players attended the May Day tournament

May Day Event - Results

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
1 IA	JOSEPH CHENG-YUE WAN 14023940 / Q: 1982 ->1991	5.5	W 57 W	W 37 B	W 7 W	W 3 B	W 5 W	D 2 B
2 IA	MR. GOKUL THANGAVEL 13749596 / Q: 1932 ->1943	5.5	W 53 B	W 45 W	W 11 B	W 4 W	W 6 B	D 1 W
3 IA	TREVOR S MAGNESS 12845588 / Q: 1800 ->1797	5.0	W 49 B	W 33 W	W 42 B	L 1 W	W 23 B	W 19 W
4 IA	ANISH LODH 14680747 / Q: 1696 ->1698	5.0	W 50 W	W 38 B	W 10 W	L 2 B	W 24 W	W 17 B
5 IA	MICHAEL VOLZ 12780016 / Q: 1593 ->1618	5.0	W 36 B	W 19 W	W 15 B	W 8 W	L 1 B	W 12 W
6 IL	MR. ANJANEYA SRIPATHY RAO 16442373 / Q: 1535 ->1562	5.0	W 52 W	W 47 B	W 23 W	W 39 B	L 2 W	W 9 B
7 IA	JOSEPH JEFFERY PREGON 15834640 / Q: 1535 ->1553	5.0	W 59 B	W 12 W	L 1 B	W 45 W	W 10 B	W 20 W
8 IA	JOSEPH MEYER 20032704 / Q: 1725 ->1684	4.0	W 58 W	W 27 B	W 25 W	L 5 B	L 9 W	W 30 B
9 IA	MR. MICHAEL RAY PHILLIPS 30033484 / Q: Unrated->1505P11	4.0	W 54 B	L 11 W	W 26 B	W 42 W	W 8 B	L 6 W
10 IA	AARON JACOB EDDY 30162199 / Q: Unrated->1388P6	4.0	W 43 B	W 26 W	L 4 B	W 15 W	L 7 W	W 25 B
11 IA	MR. FRANK BOWERS 14539176 / Q: 1352 ->1368	4.0	W 46 W	W 9 B	L 2 W	L 23 B	W 39 W	W 34 B
12 IA	MR. ALI ESKANDARI 30162581 / Q: Unrated->1324P6	4.0	W 30 W	L 7 B	W 44 W	W 21 B	W 25 W	L 5 B

13	DANIEL JOHNSON	4.0	U		W	40	W	21	W	28	L	19	W	24
IA	13586356 / Q: 1329 ->1314				B		W		W		B		W	
14	VIVEK THANGAM	4.0	L	24	W	51	L	29	W	50	W	52	W	32
IA	13912948 / Q: 1308 ->1246		B		W		B		W		B		W	
15	SRINIVAS RAO	4.0	W	56	W	29	L	5	L	10	W	45	W	27
IL	16521071 / Q: 1076 ->1102		W		B		W		B		W		B	
16	NIKO RICHARD CURTIS NIXON	4.0	L	27	W	52	W	18	L	24	W	29	W	38
IA	15980255 / Q: 1103 ->1090		W		B		W		B		W		B	
17	DR. TYLER BELL	4.0	W	60	L	42	W	54	W	43	W	32	L	4
IA	30163374 / Q: Unrated->1089P6		B		W		B		W		B		W	
18	IRENE JIAO FEI	4.0	L	42	W	49	L	16	W	33	W	31	W	26
IA	30015588 / Q: Unrated->1057P16		B		W		B		W		B		W	
19	MAX CAO	4.0	W	48	L	5	W	38	W	30	W	13	L	3
IA	17152947 / Q: Unrated-> 885P11		W		B		W		B		W		B	
20	NOAH VINT	3.5	W	44	D	21	L	39	W	40	W	42	L	7
IA	30149268 / Q: Unrated->1089P9		W		B		W		B		W		B	
21	NOLON ALEXANDER HUGH NIXON	3.5	W	35	D	20	L	13	L	12	W	41	W	39
IA	15980035 / Q: 988 ->1016		B		W		B		W		B		W	
22	MS. AWEN LI	3.5	D	39	L	23	L	41	W	58	W	40	W	42
IA	15833578 / Q: 837 -> 871		W		B		W		B		W		B	
23	DANIEL NATHEN EVANS	3.0	W	61	W	22	L	6	W	11	L	3	U	
IA	17345417 / Q: Unrated->1440P5		B		W		B		W		W			
24	CAGLAR KOYLU	3.0	W	14	L	25	W	48	W	16	L	4	L	13
IA	30174634 / Q: Unrated->1188P6		W		B		W		W		B		B	
25	ERIC E KAMINSKY	3.0	W	28	W	24	L	8	W	29	L	12	L	10
IL	12685322 / Q: 1078P16->1108P22		B		W		B		W		B		W	
26	MR. JOSHUA CALEB GEOPPO	3.0	X		L	10	L	9	W	41	W	35	L	18
IA	16410198 / Q: Unrated->1081P10				B		W		B		W		B	
27	KELTON HOLM	3.0	W	16	L	8	W	33	L	32	W	43	L	15
IA	30017685 / Q: Unrated->1043P16		B		W		B		W		B		W	
28	ALEKSEY GURTOVOY	3.0	L	25	W	34	W	37	L	13	L	30	W	44
IA	30174651 / Q: Unrated-> 880P6		W		B		W		B		W		B	
29	COLE FRANCIS VEEDER	3.0	W	32	L	15	W	14	L	25	L	16	W	43
IA	30022342 / Q: Unrated-> 797P16		B		W		W		B		B		W	
30	LEON XIE	3.0	L	12	W	35	W	36	L	19	W	28	L	8
IA	16091476 / Q: 691 -> 785		B		W		B		W		B		W	
31	LOGAN T T BANH	3.0	L	47	L	46	W	56	W	55	L	18	W	45
IA	16378580 / Q: 787 -> 730		W		B		W		B		W		B	
31	LOGAN T T BANH	3.0	L	47	L	46	W	56	W	55	L	18	W	45
IA	16378580 / Q: 787 -> 730		W		B		W		B		W		B	
32	LUCAS AUGUSTO DONATO	3.0	L	29	W	50	W	55	W	27	L	17	L	14
IA	17249544 / Q: 621P24-> 681		W		B		W		B		W		B	
33	AYDAN MATT THOMAS	3.0	W	55	L	3	L	27	L	18	W	57	W	46
IA	16640090 / Q: 641 -> 668		W		B		W		B		W		B	
34	NIRVAN KANDEL	3.0	L	45	L	28	W	61	W	53	W	36	L	11
IA	16744723 / Q: 664 -> 661		B		W		B		W		B		W	
35	CONNOR S MANNING	3.0	L	21	L	30	W	57	W	48	L	26	W	49
IA	30174640 / Q: Unrated-> 646P6		W		B		W		B		B		W	
36	MR. JUDE CHRISTIAN BIWER	3.0	L	5	W	57	L	30	W	37	L	34	W	48
IA	30166736 / Q: Unrated-> 638P6		W		B		W		B		W		B	

May Day Event Results—Cont.

37	KHIEM KENTO HUYNH	3.0	W	51	L	1	L	28	L	36	W	58	W	47
IA	15940840 / Q: 622 -> 618		B		W		B		W		B		W	
38	MADISON M VERRY	3.0	B		L	4	L	19	W	47	W	46	L	16
IA	15890254 / Q: 449 -> 561				W		B		B		W		W	
39	DR. JOSEPH DELONG	2.5	D	22	W	41	W	20	L	6	L	11	L	21
IA	30171384 / Q: Unrated->1006P6		B		W		B		W		B		B	
40	SAIFAN SYED HASHMI	2.5	D	41	L	13	X		L	20	L	22	W	52
IA	16943458 / Q: 785 -> 750		B		W				W		B		B	
41	JASON DONG	2.5	D	40	L	39	W	22	L	26	L	21	W	56
IA	17079135 / Q: 593P10-> 650P16		W		B		B		W		W		B	
42	ANJALI LODH	2.0	W	18	W	17	L	3	L	9	L	20	L	22
IA	14995462 / Q: 1318 ->1258		W		B		W		B		B		W	
43	STAN BUJAKOWSKI	2.0	L	10	W	58	W	46	L	17	L	27	L	29
IA	16193560 / Q: 992 -> 925		W		B		W		B		W		B	
44	MICHAL BUJAKOWSKI	2.0	L	20	W	53	L	12	L	52	W	50	L	28
IA	16767141 / Q: 903 -> 818		B		W		B		W		B		W	
45	ZHE FEI	2.0	W	34	L	2	W	47	L	7	L	15	L	31
IA	30156998 / Q: Unrated-> 764P6		W		B		W		B		B		W	
46	LANDON XIE	2.0	L	11	W	31	L	43	W	54	L	38	L	33
	30174897 / Q: Unrated-> 568P6		B		W		B		W		B		W	
47	LIANA CHIMENTI	2.0	W	31	L	6	L	45	L	38	W	54	L	37
	30174861 / Q: Unrated-> 528P6		B		W		B		W		B		B	
48	DAVI HENRI DONATO	2.0	L	19	W	61	L	24	L	35	W	53	L	36
IA	17249571 / Q: 499P23-> 469		B		W		B		W		B		W	
49	MR. KOHTARO L SHINOZAKI	2.0	L	3	L	18	L	58	W	51	W	55	L	35
IA	16982143 / Q: 292P19-> 309P25		W		B		W		B		W		B	
50	AMY MARIAM THOMAS	2.0	L	4	L	32	W	51	L	14	L	44	W	58
IA	16943223 / Q: 242P13-> 307P19		B		W		B		B		W		W	
51	NIKOLAS GUNASEKARAN	2.0	L	37	L	14	L	50	L	49	W	60	W	57
IA	30174615 / Q: Unrated-> 294P6		W		B		W		W		B		B	
52	FARHAN ABDUL	2.0	L	6	L	16	W	60	W	44	L	14	L	40
IA	16788661 / Q: 104P9 -> 283P15		B		W		B		B		W		W	
53	KHANG KAISON HUYNH	2.0	L	2	L	44	B		L	34	L	48	W	60
IA	16640021 / Q: 108P18-> 162P23		W		B				B		W		W	
54	PRISHA KANDEL	1.5	L	9	W	56	L	17	L	46	L	47	D	55
IA	17143038 / Q: 457P5 -> 392P11		W		B		W		B		W		B	
55	MICHAEL KLINGMANN	1.5	L	33	W	60	L	32	L	31	L	49	D	54
	30174535 / Q: Unrated-> 321P6		B		W		B		W		B		W	
56	STELLAH VERRY	1.5	L	15	L	54	L	31	D	60	X		L	41
IA	16622354 / Q: 105P18-> 122P23		B		W		B		W				W	
57	NIAMH C MCFARLANE	1.0	L	1	L	36	L	35	W	61	L	33	L	51
IA	17039358 / Q: 263 -> 237		B		W		B		W		B		W	
58	EUGENE HAGIWARA	1.0	L	8	L	43	W	49	L	22	L	37	L	50
IA	17004498 / Q: 101P5 -> 161P11		B		W		B		W		W		B	
59	SATVIK SHAHI	1.0	L	7	B		F		U		U		U	
IA	17191240 / Q: 101P5 -> 101P6		W											
60	KRYSTY BUJAKOWSKA	0.5	L	17	L	55	L	52	D	56	L	51	L	53
IA	16232501 / Q: 584 -> 383		W		B		W		B		W		B	
61	JOTARO YUKI	0.0	L	23	L	48	L	34	L	57	F		U	
	30174542 / Q: Unrated-> 101P4		W		B		W		B					

Fun Evening Chess 1

By: Cub Noble

On a warmer day in May, 22 players gathered for a 3 round G30 D5 tournament. Joseph Wan, Joseph Pregon, and Noah Vint all collected a perfect 3.0 / 3 to win the event.

Playing under a covered shelter and wearing masks - the Fun Evening Chess was a way to gather a group to play chess over the board.

Fun Evening Chess 1 - Results

1	JOSEPH CHENG-YUE WAN	3.0	W	8	W	5	W	4
IA	14023940 / R: 2257 ->2258		B		W		B	
	Q: 1991 ->1995							
2	JOSEPH JEFFERY PREGON	3.0	W	22	W	12	W	10
IA	15834640 / R: 1767 ->1769		B		W		B	
	Q: 1553 ->1563							
3	NOAH VINT	3.0	W	19	W	6	W	11
IA	30149268 / R: Unrated->1122P13		B		W		B	
	Q: 1089P9 ->1117P12							
4	THOMAS HESSE	2.0	W	14	W	17	L	1
IA	12471410 / R: 1822 ->1820		W		B		W	
	Q: 1653 ->1649							
5	MR. NIKHIL PATEL	2.0	W	16	L	1	W	15
IA	30040689 / R: Unrated->1337P13		W		B		W	
	Q: Unrated->1333P12							
6	MS. AWEN LI	2.0	W	15	L	3	W	13
IA	15833578 / R: 984 ->1000		W		B		W	
	Q: 871 -> 913							

Fun Evening Chess 1—Cont.

7	DR. JOSEPH DELONG	2.0	W	20	L	10	W	12
IA	30171384 / R: Unrated-> 985P9		B		W		B	
	Q: 1006P6 ->1058P9							
8	MAX CAO	2.0	L	1	W	16	W	14
IA	17152947 / R: Unrated-> 893P13		W		B		W	
	Q: 885P11-> 934P14							
9	SAIFAN SYED HASHMI	2.0	L	12	W	22	W	17
IA	16943458 / R: 807 -> 824		B		W		B	
	Q: 750 -> 771							
10	DR. ISAAC D SHEFFIELD	2.0	W	13	W	7	L	2
IA	12824984 / R: 375P10-> 620P13		W		B		W	
	Q: Unrated->1141P4							
11	DAVI HENRI DONATO	2.0	W	18	W	19	L	3
IA	17249571 / R: 508P23-> 600		B		W		W	
	Q: 469 -> 579							
12	MR. ALI ESKANDARI	1.0	W	9	L	2	L	7
IA	30162581 / R: Unrated->1221P9		W		B		W	
	Q: 1324P6 ->1213P9							
13	DR. TYLER BELL	1.0	L	10	W	20	L	6
IA	30163374 / R: Unrated-> 922P9		B		W		B	
	Q: 1089P6 -> 987P9							
14	NEHAL PATEL	1.0	L	4	W	18	L	8
IA	30087662 / R: Unrated-> 861P11		B		W		B	
	Q: Unrated-> 846P8							
15	RYAN M OTT	1.0	L	6	W	21	L	5
	30185277 / R: Unrated-> 718P3		B		W		B	
	Q: Unrated-> 691P3							
16	LUCAS AUGUSTO DONATO	1.0	L	5	L	8	W	22
IA	17249544 / R: 644P24-> 637		B		W		B	
	Q: 681 -> 674							
17	OLIVER VAMANU	1.0	W	21	L	4	L	9
	30185284 / R: Unrated-> 624P3		B		W		W	
	Q: Unrated-> 605P3							
18	MAHLON ADAM MILLER	1.0	L	11	L	14	W	21
IA	30088791 / R: 274P15-> 323P18		W		B		B	
	Q: Unrated-> 353P13							
19	NIRVAN KANDEL	0.0	L	3	L	11	F	
IA	16744723 / R: 668 -> 622		W		B			
	Q: 661 -> 613							
20	PRISHA KANDEL	0.0	L	7	L	13	F	
IA	17143038 / R: 464P5 -> 464P7		W		B			
	Q: 392P11-> 385P13							
21	DR. SYED HASHMI	0.0	L	17	L	15	L	18
IA	17076890 / R: 555P6 -> 435P9		W		B		W	
	Q: 533P16-> 442P19							
22	MR. LONNIE PHILIP MILLER	0.0	L	2	L	9	L	16
IA	30155758 / R: Unrated-> 248P3		W		B		W	
	Q: Unrated-> 282P3							

Fun Evening Chess 2

By: Cub Noble

On a much colder May day, twenty five players gathered for the second Fun Evening of Chess featuring a five round G15 D2.

Gokul Thangavel walked away with a perfect 5.0 / 5.0 to win the event.

A chilly evening nor wearing masks stops a Fun Evening of Chess outside.

Fun Evening Chess 2- Results

Pair Num	Player Name / USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	MR. GOKUL THANGAVEL	5.0	W 15	W 6	W 4	W 3	W 7
IA	13749596 / Q: 1943 ->1956		W	B	W	W	B
2	JOSEPH CHENG-YUE WAN	4.0	W 17	W 8	W 5	H	H
IA	14023940 / Q: 2013 ->2013		B	W	B		
3	JAMES HODINA	4.0	W 22	W 10	W 9	L 1	W 6
IA	12335280 / Q: 1807 ->1807		B	W	W	B	W
4	VIVEK THANGAM	4.0	W 16	W 14	L 1	W 17	W 12
IA	13912948 / Q: 1246 ->1282		B	W	B	W	B
5	BHARGAVA MALYA	4.0	W 18	W 24	L 2	W 13	W 19
IL	16520591 / Q: 700 -> 829		W	B	W	B	W

Fun Evening Chess 2—Cont.

6	MR. VAL TRUSSOV	3.0	W	25	L	1	W	8	W	9	L	3
IA	30189963 / Q: Unrated->1588P5		B		W		B		W		B	
7	JOSEPH JEFFERY PREGON	3.0	W	12	L	9	W	10	W	11	L	1
IA	15834640 / Q: 1563 ->1540		W		B		W		B		W	
8	MR. NIKHIL PATEL	3.0	W	24	L	2	L	6	W	20	W	14
IA	30040689 / Q: 1333P12->1335P17		W		B		W		B		W	
9	MR. ALI ESKANDARI	3.0	W	23	W	7	L	3	L	6	W	17
IA	30162581 / Q: 1213P9 ->1283P14		W		W		B		B		W	
10	RYAN HOLST	3.0	W	21	L	3	L	7	W	16	W	18
IA	30189903 / Q: Unrated->1229P5		W		B		B		W		B	
11	NOAH VINT	3.0	L	14	W	18	W	20	L	7	W	15
IA	30149268 / Q: 1117P12->1112P17		B		B		W		W		B	
12	DR. JOSEPH DELONG	3.0	L	7	W	22	W	16	W	14	L	4
IA	30171384 / Q: 1058P9 ->1111P14		B		W		B		W		W	
13	MICHAL BUJAKOWSKI	2.5	H		H		H		L	5	W	24
IA	16767141 / Q: 818 -> 792								W		B	
14	HANG SUN	2.0	W	11	L	4	W	21	L	12	L	8
IA	30189865 / Q: Unrated->1063P5		W		B		W		B		B	
15	DR. ISAAC D SHEFFIELD	2.0	L	1	L	17	W	25	W	23	L	11
IA	12824984 / Q: 1141P4 -> 977P9		B		W		B		B		W	
16	NEHAL PATEL	2.0	L	4	W	23	L	12	L	10	W	20
IA	30087662 / Q: 846P8 -> 890P13		W		B		W		B		W	
17	RYAN M OTT	2.0	L	2	W	15	W	19	L	4	L	9
	30185277 / Q: 691P3 -> 854P8		W		B		W		B		B	
18	CONNOR S MANNING	2.0	L	5	L	11	W	24	W	21	L	10
IA	30174640 / Q: 646P6 -> 709P11		B		W		W		B		W	
19	KRYSTY BUJAKOWSKA	2.0	H		H		L	17	W	22	L	5
IA	16232501 / Q: 383 -> 469						B		W		B	
20	STAN BUJAKOWSKI	1.0	H		H		L	11	L	8	L	16
IA	16193560 / Q: 925 -> 874						B		W		B	
21	DR. TYLER BELL	1.0	L	10	W	25	L	14	L	18	L	22
IA	30163374 / Q: 987P9 -> 872P14		B		W		B		W		B	
22	MAX CAO	1.0	L	3	L	12	L	23	L	19	W	21
IA	17152947 / Q: 934P14-> 854P19		W		B		W		B		W	
23	RONGYU JIANG	1.0	L	9	L	16	W	22	L	15	U	
IA	30082248 / Q: Unrated-> 663P14		B		W		B		W			
24	PETER JAMES PALMER	1.0	L	8	L	5	L	18	W	25	L	13
IA	17241532 / Q: 376P5 -> 425P10		B		W		B		W		W	
25	LIANA CHIMENTI	0.0	L	6	L	21	L	15	L	24	U	
	30174861 / Q: 528P6 -> 455P10		W		B		W		B			

FIDE Blitz June 7th

By: Cub Noble

We had a nice opportunity, thanks to Eric Vigil, to have a blitz tournament that was FIDE rated in early June.

The double round robin G5 D2 tournament went 12 rounds (each player played 6 people with each color) with 12 players attending.

Arshaq Saleem took home first with an impressive 11.5 out of 12 points. A full two points over Gokul and Joseph who finished with 9.5 and 9.0 respectively.

The top boards going at it in the 5|2 FIDE Blitz Tournament.

FIDE Blitz June 7th - Results

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7	Round 8	Round 9	Round 10	Round 11	Round 12
1	ARSHAQ SALEEM	11.5	W 6	W 6	W 5	W 5	W 3	W 3	D 2	W 2	W 8	W 8	W 9	W 9
IA	14163196 / B: 2086 ->2133		W	B	B	W	W	B	B	W	W	B	W	B
2	MR. GOKUL THANGAVEL	9.5	W 8	W 8	W 11	W 11	W 5	W 5	D 1	L 1	L 3	W 3	W 6	W 6
IA	13749596 / B: 2081 ->2094		W	B	B	W	W	B	W	B	B	W	B	W
3	JOSEPH CHENG-YUE WAN	9.0	W 4	W 4	W 10	W 10	L 1	L 1	W 6	W 6	W 2	L 2	W 8	W 8
IA	14023940 / B: 2250 ->2229		B	W	W	B	B	W	W	B	W	B	B	W
4	PEDRO GUDIÑO	6.5	L 3	L 3	W 8	L 8	D 7	W 7	L 5	W 5	W 9	L 9	W 12	W 12
IL	16232998 / B: 1704P14->1680		W	B	B	W	B	W	W	B	B	W	W	B
5	LUIS M PERALTA	6.0	W 12	W 12	L 1	L 1	L 2	L 2	W 4	L 4	W 7	L 7	W 10	W 10
IL	12664855 / B: 1865 ->1827		B	W	W	B	B	W	B	W	W	B	B	W
6	JOSEPH JEFFERY PREGON	6.0	L 1	L 1	W 12	W 12	W 9	W 9	L 3	L 3	W 10	W 10	L 2	L 2
IA	15834640 / B: 1521 ->1575		B	W	W	B	B	W	B	W	W	B	W	B
7	ANJALI LODH	5.5	U	U	L 9	L 9	D 4	L 4	W 12	W 12	L 5	W 5	W 11	W 11
IA	14995462 / B: 1190 ->1268				B	W	W	B	W	B	B	W	B	W
8	MR. VAL TRUSSOV	5.0	L 2	L 2	L 4	W 4	W 12	W 12	W 10	W 10	L 1	L 1	L 3	L 3
IA	30189963 / B: Unrated->1710P17		B	W	W	B	B	W	W	B	B	W	W	B
9	MR. ALI ESKANDARI	5.0	L 10	L 10	W 7	W 7	L 6	L 6	W 11	W 11	L 4	W 4	L 1	L 1
IA	30162581 / B: Unrated->1341P22		B	W	W	6	W	B	B	W	W	B	B	W
10	THOMAS HESSE	4.0	W 9	W 9	L 3	L 3	W 11	W 11	L 8	L 8	L 6	L 6	L 5	L 5
IA	12471410 / B: 1765P22->1685		W	B	B	W	W	B	B	W	B	W	B	W
11	JACOB T VIGIL	3.0	B	B	L 2	L 2	L 10	L 10	L 9	L 9	W 12	L 12	L 7	L 7
IA	14759374 / B: 1121 ->1064				W	B	B	W	W	B	B	W	W	B
12	MR. GAVIN KELLY STROH	1.0	L 5	L 5	L 6	L 6	L 8	L 8	L 7	L 7	L 11	W 11	L 4	L 2
	30196045 / B: Unrated-> 959P12		W	B	B	W	W	B	B	W	W	B	B	W

Haring Irwin Qualifier and Pop Up Quad

By: Eric Vigil

Tim McEntee won 2.5 of 3 and was crowned the Iowa Senior Champion. Tim will be representing Iowa at the Irwin Tournment of State Champions at the US Open in New Jersey this August. This will be the second year in a row Tim will be playing for Iowa. Last year he filled in for Robert Reynolds who was unable to attend the Virtual Tournament of State Champions.

Tim McEntee won the Senior section and will travel to New Jersey for the Irwin Tournament in August.

Anjali went undefeated 3 and 0 in the Iowa Haring Girls qualifier. She is eligible to represent Iowa in her third Haring Tournament of State Champions, but she has a dilemma! She went to Des Moines the next day and won the Iowa Barber Qualifier and now has to decide which tournament she will represent Iowa in. I have seen players try in play in two tournaments at once running between boards. But it has always ended badly. The second place winners of both the Girls and Barber are awaiting her decision as to which tournament she will attend as the second place winner will then be elevated to represent Iowa.

Anjali Lodh won both the Haring Girls Qualifier and the Barber Qualifier and will choose which tournament to represent Iowa in.

In the qualifying tournament we had 10 girls compete. What is exciting is that 6 are brand new to chess, having never played in a rated US Chess regular time control tournament. Irene Fei from Ames went the next day to compete and win the Rockefeller qualifier in Des Moines upsetting Awen Li to whom she lost to in a nailbiting endgame during the Haring Qualifier.

Many new faces attended the girls qualifying tournament!

I am excited to see many new and returning player to Over the Board Chess.

Irwin Qualifier Results

Pair Num	Player Name / USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
1 IA	TIM R MC ENTEE 12298150 / R: 2200 ->2200 Q: 2027 ->2019	2.5	W 4 B	W 2 W	D 3 B
2 IA	THOMAS GAUL 12475158 / R: 1750 ->1755 Q: 1671 ->1673	2.0	W 5 W	L 1 B	W 6 W
3 IA	RICHARD L RECTOR 12522598 / R: 1651 ->1649 Q: 1516 ->1515	1.5	W 6 B	L 4 W	D 1 W
4 IA	RALPH E BOWMAN 12421156 / R: 1500 ->1523 Q: 1400 ->1422	1.5	L 1 W	W 3 B	D 5 W
5 IA	ROBERT A JOHNSON 12544663 / R: 1413 ->1410 Q: 1305 ->1303	1.0	L 2 B	D 6 W	D 4 B
6 IA	SHAWN L PAVLIK 12818448 / R: 1345 ->1338 Q: 1238 ->1231	0.5	L 3 W	D 5 B	L 2 B

Haring Qualifier Results

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
1 IA	ANJALI LODH 14995462 / R: 1453 ->1462 Q: 1258 ->1271	3.0	W 10 W	W 2 B	W 4 W
2 IA	MS. AWEN LI 15833578 / R: 1175 ->1185 Q: 913 -> 969	2.0	W 3 B	L 1 W	W 5 B
3 IA	IRENE JIAO FEI 30015588 / R: Unrated->1035P13 Q: 1057P16->1025P19	2.0	L 2 W	W 8 B	W 9 W
4 IA	MINOU EMMAD 14950426 / R: 931 -> 939 Q: 899 -> 903	2.0	W 7 W	W 6 B	L 1 B
5 IA	RONGYU JIANG 30082248 / R: Unrated-> 662P13 Q: 663P14-> 668P17	2.0	W 8 W	W 10 B	L 2 W
6 IA	KRYSTY BUJAKOWSKA 16232501 / R: 589 -> 605 Q: 469 -> 506	2.0	W 9 B	L 4 W	W 7 B
7	LIANA CHIMENTI 30174861 / R: Unrated-> 439P13 Q: 455P10-> 430P13	1.0	L 4 B	W 9 W	L 6 W
8	DARYA GURTOVAYA 30198499 / R: Unrated-> 383P3 Q: Unrated-> 384P3	1.0	L 5 B	L 3 W	W 10 W
9	ZHANNA GURTOVAYA 30198485 / R: Unrated-> 101P3 Q: Unrated-> 101P3	0.0	L 6 W	L 7 B	L 3 B
10	NAVIANNA NIXON 30198508 / R: Unrated-> 101P3 Q: Unrated-> 101P3	0.0	L 1 B	L 5 W	L 8 B

Pop Up Quad Pool 1 - Results

1 IA	JOSEPH CHENG-YUE WAN 14023940 / R: 2258 ->2261 Q: 2013 ->2019	3.0	W 3 W	W 4 B	W 2 B
2 IA	CUB ROLLIN-LLOYD NOBLE 14292473 / R: 1884 ->1902 Q: 1507 ->1571	2.0	W 4 W	W 3 B	L 1 W

Pop Up Quad Pool 1 - Results - Cont.

3	THOMAS HESSE	0.5	L	1	L	2	D	4
IA	12471410 / R: 1820 ->1803		B		W		W	
	Q: 1649 ->1617							
4	JOSEPH JEFFERY PREGON	0.5	L	2	L	1	D	3
IA	15834640 / R: 1769 ->1758		B		W		B	
	Q: 1540 ->1524							

Pop Up Quad Pool 2 - Results

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1		Round 2		Round 3	
1	MR. ALI ESKANDARI	2.0	L	4	W	3	W	2
IA	30162581 / R: 1221P9 ->1230P12		W		B		W	
	Q: 1283P14->1267P17							
2	STAN BUJAKOWSKI	1.5	D	3	W	4	L	1
IA	16193560 / R: 1045 ->1068		W		B		B	
	Q: 874 -> 943							
3	ZHE FEI	1.5	D	2	L	1	W	4
IA	30156998 / R: Unrated-> 909P9		B		W		W	
	Q: 764P6 -> 892P9							
4	DANIEL JOHNSON	1.0	W	1	L	2	L	3
IA	13586356 / R: 1454 ->1400		B		W		B	
	Q: 1314 ->1250							

Mini Swiss Cheese Results

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1		Round 2		Round 3	
1	MR. FRANK BOWERS	2.0	U		W	2	W	5
IA	14539176 / R: 1323 ->1335				B		W	
	Q: 1368 ->1372							
2	MICHAL BUJAKOWSKI	2.0	W	5	L	1	W	4
IA	16767141 / R: 1100 ->1105		B		W		B	
	Q: 792 -> 866							
3	NIKO RICHARD CURTIS NIXON	1.0	W	4	U		U	
IA	15980255 / R: 1192 ->1200		W					
	Q: 1090 ->1101							
4	ALEKSEY GURTOVOY	1.0	L	3	W	5	L	2
IA	30174651 / R: Unrated-> 874P9		B		W		W	
	Q: 880P6 -> 837P9							
5	CONNOR S MANNING	0.0	L	2	L	4	L	1
IA	30174640 / R: Unrated-> 684P13		W		B		B	
	Q: 709P11-> 670P14							

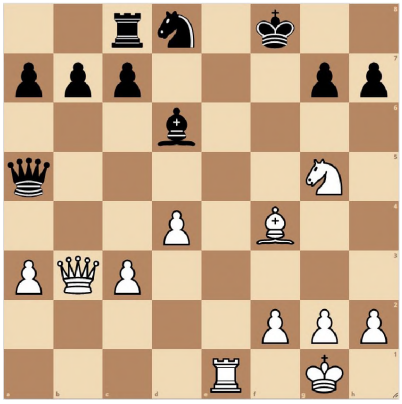
Puzzles

"Chess is 99% Tactics"

Below are 10 problems. How you should approach these problems are similar to games. Evaluate the position, then make your candidates moves. When you are satisfied with your answer, write down your answers.

When you are done, compare it to the solutions at the back of this issue.

Problems 1-3 are "Easy".
Problems 4-6 are "Medium".
Problems 7-9 are Hard".
Problem 10 is "Very Hard".



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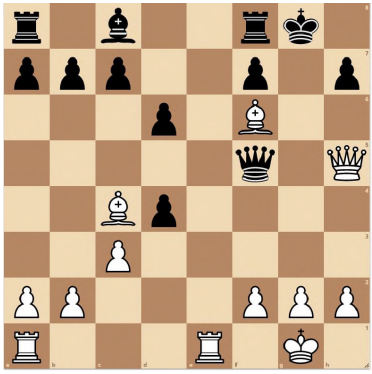

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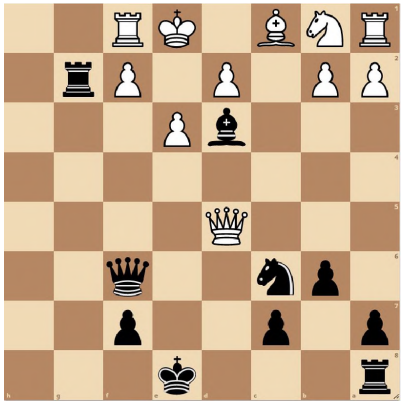
3. Black to Move

4. Black to Move



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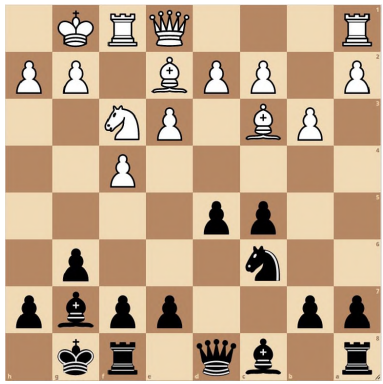

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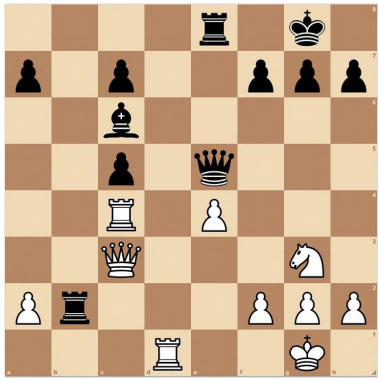

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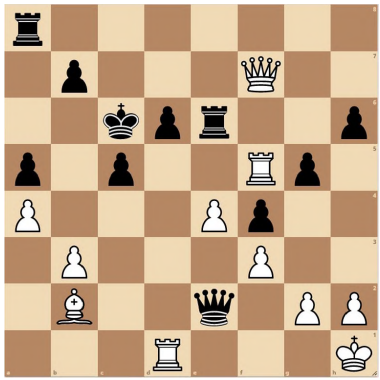

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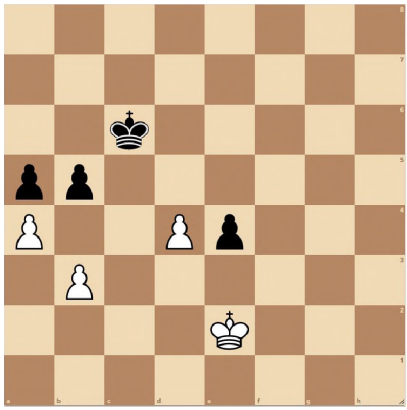

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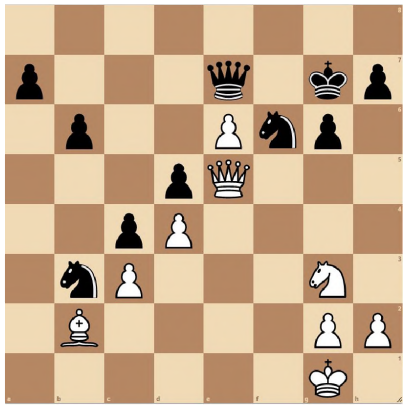

10. White to Move

Mask Less Summer Swiss

By: Cub Noble

The Des Moines area, hosted their first large scale over the board tournament on June 12th.

It has long since been advertised by TD Bill Broich as a mask less tournament with a player cap several months before the majority of the population was vaccinated, but by the time the tournament came around, going mask less was socially acceptable.

The tournament was split between two sections with James Neal and Trevor Magness winning the Open section with 3.5 / 4.0 and Niko Nixon obtained a perfect 4.0 / 4 in the Reserve section increasing their rating by almost 200 points.

There was a brief situation during the second round where the fire alarm in the hotel went off and all games were paused while the entire building was evacuated. The fire department arrived in full gear to take care of the incident. After about 20 minutes, we were allowed back into the hotel and to resume play. Evidentially, someone tried cooking in their hotel room and the meal did not come out as planned.

48 players attended the event traveling from across the United States to attend (the first 8 places in the Open section consisted of 7 different states being represented). That is a strong sign that over the board tournaments are ready to return to central Iowa.

Mask Less - Reserve - Results

1	NIKO RICHARD CURTIS NIXON	4.0	W	24	W	10	W	8	W	2
IA	15980255 / R: 1172 ->1376	N:3	W		B		W		W	
	Q: 1062 ->1245									
2	MR. MICAH JOEL TUMY	3.0	W	23	W	16	W	7	L	1
IL	12613997 / R: 1492 ->1485		W		B		W		B	
	Q: 1234 ->1249									
3	MICHAEL FIKMEIER	3.0	W	12	W	4	W	6	L	7
IA	12839985 / R: 1387 ->1423	N:4	W		B		W		B	
	Q: 1271 ->1332									
4	CHRISTIAN JOSHUA ANTONY	3.0	W	5	L	3	W	17	W	15
NE	30026481 / R: Unrated->1409P4		B		W		B		W	
	Q: Unrated->1329P4									
5	ERIC GOLF VIGIL	3.0	L	4	W	12	W	19	W	13
IA	12706124 / R: 1408 ->1404		W		B		W		B	
	Q: 1365 ->1360									
6	ARNOLD SCHULZE	3.0	W	21	W	18	L	3	W	11
NE	12301390 / R: 1399 ->1394		B		W		B		W	
	Q: 1328 ->1320									

7	BLAKE ZAHARI	3.0	W	22	W	11	L	2	W	3
IA	12899961 / R: 1280 ->1332	N:4	B		W		B		W	
	Q: 1071 ->1162									
8	MARK BROWN	2.5	H		W	15	L	1	W	16
IA	12408922 / R: 1523 ->1502				W		B		W	
	Q: Unrated->1294P4									
9	RALPH E BOWMAN	2.5	L	15	D	17	W	23	W	18
IA	12421156 / R: 1523 ->1500		B		W		B		W	
	Q: 1422 ->1400									
10	STEVE H. JACOBS	2.0	W	19	L	1	L	15	W	21
IA	12597405 / R: 1420 ->1400		B		W		B		W	
	Q: 1251 ->1200									
11	HASHEM ZAHEDIPOUR	2.0	W	14	L	7	W	20	L	6
IA	30202932 / R: Unrated->1235P4		W		B		W		B	
	Q: Unrated->1158P4									
12	MR. ALI ESKANDARI	2.0	L	3	L	5	W	22	W	23
IA	30162581 / R: 1230P12->1205P16		B		W		B		W	
	Q: 1267P17->1231P21									
13	MATTHEW HILL	2.0	L	16	W	23	W	14	L	5
IA	30180890 / R: Unrated->1099P4		B		B		W		W	
	Q: Unrated->1031P4									
14	NOLON ALEXANDER HUGH NIXON	2.0	L	11	W	22	L	13	W	20
IA	15980035 / R: 1064 ->1062		B		W		B		B	
	Q: 1043 ->1030									
15	SARAH EMMONS	2.0	W	9	L	8	W	10	L	4
MN	30100807 / R: 712 -> 909	N:4	W		B		W		B	
	Q: 688 -> 877									
16	MAXIM POPOV	1.5	W	13	L	2	D	18	L	8
IA	14995037 / R: 1240 ->1217		W		W		B		B	
	Q: 1104 ->1074									
17	JESSE AIMDILOKWONG	1.5	H		D	9	L	4	D	19
IA	17161475 / R: 1037P10->1027P13				B		W		B	
	Q: 822P7 -> 822P10									
18	CONNOR S MANNING	1.5	W	20	L	6	D	16	L	9
IA	30174640 / R: 684P13-> 814P17		W		B		W		B	
	Q: 670P14-> 792P18									
19	SIVA KOLLI	1.5	L	10	W	24	L	5	D	17
NE	16953345 / R: 181 -> 273		W		B		B		W	
	Q: 170 -> 262									
20	TONY BENETZ	1.0	L	18	W	21	L	11	L	14
NE	12549517 / R: 1200 ->1200		B		W		B		W	
	Q: 1149 ->1059									
21	MAX CAO	1.0	L	6	L	20	W	24	L	10
IA	17152947 / R: 893P13-> 875P17		W		B		W		B	
	Q: 854P19-> 830P23									
22	MR. RAYMOND JAMES FOUTS	1.0	L	7	L	14	L	12	W	24
IA	30179381 / R: Unrated-> 686P4		W		B		W		B	
	Q: Unrated-> 657P4									
23	LALITHH MADAN PRASAD	0.0	L	2	L	13	L	9	L	12
IA	16720031 / R: 345P25-> 343		B		W		W		B	
	Q: 352P25-> 350									
24	GLENN THOMAS NORTON	0.0	L	1	L	19	L	21	L	22
IA	30187613 / R: Unrated-> 101P4		B		W		B		W	
	Q: Unrated-> 101P4									

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1	MR. JAMES NEAL II	3.5	D	18	W	19	W	13	W	6
IA	12884217 / R: 2202 ->2210	N:1	B		W		B		W	
	Q: 2038 ->2051									
2	TREVOR S MAGNESS	3.5	W	16	W	20	W	3	D	4
IA	12845588 / R: 2188 ->2204	N:C	W		B		W		B	
	Q: 1797 ->1887									
3	JACKSON WAHL	3.0	W	15	W	7	L	2	W	11
MN	13998681 / R: 2304 ->2301	N:1	B		W		B		W	
	Q: 2200 ->2189									
4	DANE MATTSON	3.0	W	12	W	11	D	6	D	2
WI	12658269 / R: 2200 ->2205	N:1	B		W		B		W	
	Q: 2158 ->2152									
5	PUWIT SKY MOERLIEN	3.0	D	13	W	21	D	7	W	17
KS	15664335 / R: 1748 ->1827	N:1	W		B		W		W	
	Q: 1449 ->1604									
6	MIKE YURIYOVYCH ZALOZNYY	2.5	W	9	W	8	D	4	L	1
NV	12842929 / R: 2226 ->2221	N:1	W		B		W		B	
	Q: 2161 ->2150									
7	JONATHAN J LANG	2.5	W	17	L	3	D	5	W	13
NE	12920453 / R: 2110 ->2109	N:1	W		B		B		W	
	Q: 1913 ->1917									
8	DANIEL ZACHARY GARRETT	2.5	W	22	L	6	W	12	D	9
IL	14011307 / R: 1973 ->1970	N:2	W		W		B		B	
	Q: 1768 ->1770									
9	SEAN MICHAEL BAKER	2.5	L	6	W	22	W	23	D	8
NE	12689068 / R: 1757 ->1780	N:2	B		W		B		W	
	Q: 1526 ->1575									
10	ALEC DANIEL AIMDILOKWONG	2.5	H		D	14	W	21	D	18
IA	17127332 / R: 1390P14->1519P17				B		W		B	
	Q: 1193P11->1366P14									
11	CUB ROLLIN-LLOYD NOBLE	2.0	W	24	L	4	W	19	L	3
IA	14292473 / R: 1902 ->1903	N:3	W		B		W		B	
	Q: 1571 ->1583									
12	BRENT K ARONSEN	2.0	L	4	W	24	L	8	W	22
IA	12884231 / R: 1754 ->1760	N:3	W		B		W		B	
	Q: 1505 ->1529									
13	DANE BRUNO ZAGAR	1.5	D	5	W	18	L	1	L	7
MN	12915762 / R: 2084 ->2062	N:3	B		W		W		B	
	Q: 1939 ->1910									
14	WILLIAM MURRAY	1.5	L	19	D	10	L	17	W	23
MN	12288810 / R: 1939 ->1900	N:4	B		W		B		W	
	Q: 1737 ->1700									
15	MR. TONY DUTIEL	1.5	L	3	D	17	D	18	D	21
NE	12602486 / R: 1813 ->1798	N:3	W		B		W		B	
	Q: 1723 ->1705									

16	THOMAS GAUL		1.5	L	2	L	23	W	24	D	19
IA	12475158 / R: 1755	->1729	N:4	B		W		B		B	
	Q: 1673	->1627									
17	MICHAEL MILLS		1.5	L	7	D	15	W	14	L	5
NE	15765452 / R: 1664	->1685	N:3	B		W		W		B	
	Q: 1646	->1643									
18	MICHAEL VOLZ		1.5	D	1	L	13	D	15	D	10
IA	12780016 / R: 1663	->1675	N:3	W		B		B		W	
	Q: 1618	->1621									
19	MRITHUUL MADAN PRASAD		1.5	W	14	L	1	L	11	D	16
IA	15005112 / R: 1634	->1660	N:3	W		B		B		W	
	Q: 1224	->1308									
20	MATT BUCKLEY		1.0	W	23	L	2	U		U	
NE	12874977 / R: 1857	->1857		B		W					
	Q: 1715	->1709									
21	THOMAS HESSE		1.0	H		L	5	L	10	D	15
IA	12471410 / R: 1803	->1762				W		B		W	
	Q: 1617	->1573									
22	JEFFERY A SOLHEIM		1.0	L	8	L	9	B		L	12
NE	13283751 / R: 1645	->1616		B		B				W	
	Q: 1588	->1536									
23	SAI KOLLI		1.0	L	20	W	16	L	9	L	14
NE	16397773 / R: 1507	->1522		W		B		W		B	
	Q: 1285	->1309									
24	RIAZ A KHAN		0.5	L	11	L	12	L	16	H	
MN	12664037 / R: 1520	->1499		B		W		W			
	Q: 1378	->1346									

Fun with Chess!

FIDE Blitz June 14th

By: Cub Noble

In the second iteration of the FIDE rated Blitz tournament, the Hawkeye Chess Club saw 21 players attend this 3 Round G25|10 tournament.

Gokul Thangavel and Joseph Pregon took home first place with a perfect 3.0 / 3. Eight players obtained blitz ratings after this event including Val Trussov who obtained a provisional rating of 1654 rapid with a 2.0 / 3 score.

Thanks to Eric Vigil for the photos of the FIDE June 7th and 14th Blitz. This is around the time that mask mandates loosened.

FIDE Blitz June 14th - Results

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
1 IA	MR. GOKUL THANGAVEL 13749596 / R: 2066 ->2067 Q: 1956 ->1958	3.0	W 17 B	W 4 W	W 5 B
2 IA	JOSEPH JEFFERY PREGON 15834640 / R: 1758 ->1772 Q: 1524 ->1553	3.0	W 8 W	W 7 B	W 3 W

3	MR. VAL TRUSSOV	2.0	W	19	W	6	L	2
IA	30189963 / R: Unrated->1654P13		W		B		B	
	Q: 1588P5 ->1533P8							
4	MR. NIKHIL PATEL	2.0	W	13	L	1	W	12
IA	30040689 / R: 1337P13->1352P16		W		B		W	
	Q: 1335P17->1347P20							
5	RYLAN DEVALOIS	2.0	W	15	W	18	L	1
	30201933 / R: Unrated->1300P3		W		B		W	
	Q: Unrated->1368P3							
6	MR. ALI ESKANDARI	2.0	W	10	L	3	W	17
IA	30162581 / R: 1205P16->1218P19		B		W		B	
	Q: 1231P21->1236P24							
7	HANG SUN	2.0	W	21	L	2	W	14
IA	30189865 / R: Unrated->1116P8		B		W		B	
	Q: 1063P5 ->1113P8							
8	DR. JOSEPH DELONG	2.0	L	2	W	15	W	13
IA	30171384 / R: 985P9 ->1065P12		B		B		W	
	Q: 1111P14->1138P17							
9	ATHENA AGUIAR	2.0	L	16	B		W	11
IA	16615776 / R: 1036 ->1008		W				B	
	Q: 1000P13-> 970P15							
10	MAX CAO	2.0	L	6	W	19	W	16
IA	17152947 / R: 875P17-> 973P20		W		B		W	
	Q: 830P23-> 934							
11	BHARGAVA MALYA	2.0	W	20	W	16	L	9
IL	16520591 / R: 882 -> 897		W		B		W	
	Q: 814 -> 835							
12	MASHEM ZAHEDIPOUR	1.0	L	14	W	21	L	4
IA	30202932 / R: 1235P4 ->1080P7		B		W		B	
	Q: 1158P4 ->1025P7							
13	TYLER BOSSOM	1.0	L	4	W	14	L	8
IA	30205399 / R: Unrated->1007P3		B		W		B	
	Q: Unrated->1021P3							
14	ETHAN M ALSOP	1.0	W	12	L	13	L	7
IA	30205386 / R: Unrated-> 933P3		W		B		W	
	Q: Unrated-> 928P3							
15	NEHAL PATEL	1.0	L	5	L	8	W	21
IA	30087662 / R: 861P11-> 849P14		B		W		B	
	Q: 890P13-> 881P16							
16	RYAN JESSE MITCHELL	1.0	W	9	L	11	L	10
IA	30195025 / R: Unrated-> 833P3		B		W		B	
	Q: Unrated-> 790P3							
17	CONNOR S MANNING	1.0	L	1	W	20	L	6
IA	30174640 / R: 814P17-> 826P20		W		B		W	
	Q: 792P18-> 803P21							
18	DR. ISAAC D SHEFFIELD	1.0	B		L	5	U	
IA	12824984 / R: 620P13-> 618P14				W			
	Q: 977P9 -> 970P10							
19	NOAH VINT	0.5	L	3	L	10	D	20
IA	30149268 / R: 1196P16->1132P19		B		W		B	
	Q: 1151P20->1084P23							
20	CHARLES ORION MASON	0.5	L	11	L	17	D	19
IA	30202400 / R: Unrated-> 670P3		B		W		W	
	Q: Unrated-> 632P3							
21	MR. GAVIN KELLY STROH	0.0	L	7	L	12	L	15
IA	30196033 / R: Unrated-> 453P3		W		B		W	
	Q: Unrated-> 488P3							

GM Ray Robson Captures Title of 2nd Annual St. Louis Blues GM Blitz Championship

By: Bill Broich, NTD, IA

The 2nd Annual St. Louis Blues GM Blitz was held May 15th at St. Louis University. This event was a six-player double round robin Blitz tournament with a time control G/;+2. This year's field was slightly stronger (average rating of 2625) than the inaugural tournament (average rating of 2622) held in June of 2019.

Five members of the St. Louis University chess team competed this year, including the team's assistant coach, GM Varuzhan Abokian. GM Ray Robson, a former member of the Webster University chess team also competed.

After round eight, GM Robson had 6 ½ points while GM Dariusz Swiercz had 6 points. They faced off in rounds nine and ten. They drew in round nine setting up a tense final round. A win by GM Swiercz and he finishes with 7 ½ points, a ½ point ahead of GM Robson. A draw or a win by GM Robson secures first place. GM Swiercz could not find a win in the final game as it ended in a draw making GM Robson the sole winner of the 2nd Annual St. Louis Blues GM Blitz.

GM Robson tied with GM Swiercz, and GM Illia Nyzhnyk in the inaugural tournament.

Final ranking

Rank	SNo.		Name	Rtg	FED	Pts	Res.	Vict
1	4	GM	Robson Ray	2637	USA	7½	0	6
2	2	GM	Swiercz Dariusz	2661	USA	7	0	6
3	3	IM	Kevlishvili Robby	2564	NED	5	1	5
4	6	GM	Bok Benjamin	2674	NED	5	1	4
5	1	GM	Akobian Varuzhan	2653	USA	4½	0	4
6	5	GM	Chandra Akshat	2558	USA	1	0	1

*The ratings listed in the tables above are FIDE Blitz ratings.

Although GM Akshat Chandra did not have a good tournament, he was the only player to beat the winner. GM Chandra upset GM Swiercz in the final round of the inaugural tournament forcing a three-way tie for first.

In 2019 the St. Louis Blues won the Stanley Cup for the first time. The team was formed in 1967 and prior to 2019, they made one appears in the Stanley Cup finals, in 1970. The Blues' amazing season in 2019 was one of the biggest sports stories of the year. Although they qualified for the playoffs this year, they were eliminated in round one.

Congratulations to Ray and all those who competed. I served as the chief arbiter again this year. I am already looking forward to next year's tournament!

Above: Roy with a St. Louis Blues Jersey
Right: Curt Brasket Obituary from Bill Broich

Brasket, Curt J.

Curt Justin Brasket, Jr., 81, passed away in his sleep January 24, 2014. Born in Tracy, MN on December 7, 1932, Curt was the sixth of eight children. He graduated valedictorian from his high school and furthered his education at the University of Minnesota and St. John's University in Collegeville, MN, earning degrees in mathematics and French. Upon completing college, Curt enlisted in the US Army and served two years overseas in Japan. After being honorably discharged, Curt gained employment with Univac/Unisys as a computer programmer for which he continued to work his entire career.

In 1963, Curt married Rita Bronk, and they resided in Bloomington, MN. They were married 50 years and together had three daughters and sons-in-law, and eight grandchildren.

Curt had many interests including Gene Autry, candy, comic books, and big little books, but his greatest passion was chess. He was the US National Junior Chess Champion, the MN State Chess Champion 16 times, and an International FIDE Master. This past summer Curt was awarded the US Chess Federation Outstanding Career Achievement Award.

For almost 40 years Curt suffered with Parkinson's Disease for which we never heard him mention or complain, and for the past three years he was under the attentive care of the MN VA Home's staff.

Curt was preceded in death by his parents, Curt and Mary, and siblings, Clement, Estella, Cyril, and Denis. He is survived by his wife, Rita, of Bloomington, MN; daughters, Monica (Chuck) Wedin of Litchfield, MN, Barbara (Dan) Romanelli of Edina, MN, and Rebecca (Joseph) Leahy of Houston, TX; grandchildren, Charissa, Curt, Ella, Matthew, Nate, Lily, Justin, and M'adeline; siblings, Doris Peluzzo of Washington, D.C., Richard (Lorraine) of Eden Prairie, MN, and Patricia (Gene) Klawitter of Champlin, MN; and many other nieces, nephews, and relatives.

Blessed be his memory.

Visitation will be at St. Bonaventure Church in Bloomington, MN on Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 10 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00. Luncheon reception following service.

Barber/Denker/Rockefeller

By: Katie Freerksen

All Access Chess, operated by Katie and Jim Freerksen, hosted the Iowa Rockefeller, Barber, and Denker Qualifying events to select the Iowa Champions on Sunday, June 6 th . The weather turned out beautifully for the first local over the board event to be held in Des Moines since the pandemic began. Two outdoor shelters at Cottonwood Recreation Area in Ankeny served as the tournament sites, and the family and friends had a blast enjoying the weather. The players even had a chance to make friends and burn off some extra energy between rounds.

In the Rockefeller qualifier, we had eleven players competing for the championship. In the final round, two young ladies, Awen Li (Grade 4) and Irene Jiao Fei (Grade 2), were the only two players with 3 points and battled it out for the win. Irene pulled off an upset to go undefeated and become the Iowa Rockefeller Elementary Champion.

The Barber (middle school) qualifier had eight players vying for the title. Anjali Lodh took on newcomer Noah Vint in the last round and triumphed to go undefeated with 3 out of 3 points and became the Iowa Barber Middle School Champion. She will have to decide between representing Iowa in the Barber as our Middle School Champion or in the Haring as the Iowa Girls State Champion. Iowa is turning out an impressive set of female chess players!

A select group of elite players competed in the Denker qualifier to become the Iowa H.S.

Barber and Denker playing outside this year.

Champion. Six players sought the title and, in the last round, Anish Lodh squared off against Samraat Zagade. In a valiant effort, Samraat pulled off an outstanding upset to win the championship. He went undefeated with 3 points to become the Iowa H.S. Denker Champion.

(Friendly TD Tip: We learned quickly that outdoor tournaments should have clipboards to keep notation sheets from blowing away and to provide a flat surface for writing on. Our site had wire picnic tables)

All Access Chess is thrilled to get back to hosting in person events in the Des Moines area and for two female champions.

Anjali Lodh (left) playing in the Barber

Irene Fei (Left) playing Awen Li (right) in the final round of the Rockefeller

It was a fantastic weekend for chess in Iowa!

Congratulations to Irene Fei (Rockefeller Champion), Anjali Lodh (Barber Champion) and Samraat Zagade (Denker Champion)! Best of luck in your respective invitational events which will be held at the 121st Annual U.S. Open Chess Championship on July 31st through August 9th in New Jersey!

We are proud of you and look forward to cheering you on!

Annotated game from Haring Tournament

By Irene Fei

Irene was kind enough to send her game against Awen Li. They two have been competitive as of late splitting the points between Haring and Rockefeller during their last meetings.

Irene Fei (1035 P) - Awen Li (1185)
Haring Irwin Qualifier, 06.05.2021

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Be7 5.Nc3 0-0 6.0-0 d6 7.Bd2 Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Be3?! Nd4?

10.Bxd4 exd4 11.Nd5 Nxd5 12.Bxd5 c6 13.Bb3 Kh8 14.c3?! dxc3 15.bxc3 Qd7?! 16.e5? Bxf3 17.Qxf3 dxe5 18.Rfe1 f6?! 19.Rad1 Rad8 20.d4 exd4 21.Rxd4 Qc7 22.Rxd8 Rxd8?! 23.Qe3 Bf8 24.Qxa7 h6? 25.Qe3?! Qd7 26.Qe6? Qxe6 27.Rxe6 Bc5 28.Kf1 Rd2 29.Re2 Rxe2 30.Kxe2 Kh7 31.f3 Kg6 32.Kd3 Kf5 33.Kc4 Bd6 34.Kd3 g5 35.Ke2 Ke5 36.g3 Bc5 37.Kd3 37...Bf2 38.g4 Kf4 39.Ke2 Be3 40.Be6 Bg1 41.Bc8 =

41… b6 42.a4 Kg3 43.c4 c5 44.Bf5 Kxh3 45.Kd3 Kg3 46.Ke4 Bd4 47.Be6 Kh4 48.Kd5 Bc3 49.Bd7 h5 50.gxh5 Kxh5 51.Ke4 Kh4 52.f4??

Allowing black to push their g-pawn was the downfall of the position. **52… g4 53.Ke3 Kg3 54.Bc8 Bb2 55.Bf5 Bd4+ 56.Ke2 Kxf4**

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Puzzle Answers

Below are the solutions to the 10 puzzles listed earlier in the newsletter.

Problem 1.
1. Nxh7#

Problem 2.
1. Qxf7+ Rxf7
2. Re8#

Problem 3.
1... Qxf1+
2. Nxd1 Re1#

Problem 4.
1... Bxc2
2. cxb6 Bxb1
3. bxa7 Kc7

Problem 5.
1... Qxf2+
2. Rxf2 Rg1+
3. Rf1 Rxf1#

Problem 6.
1. Qxe5 Rxe5
2. Rxc5 Re8
3. Rxc6

Problem 7.
1. axb5+ Kxb5
2. Ke3 Kb4
3. d5 Kc5
4. Kxe4 Kd6
5. Kd4

Problem 8.
1... d4
2. Bb2 d3
3. Bxg7 dxe2
4. Bxf8 exf1=Q+
5. Qxf1 Kxf8

Problem 9.
1. Rxc5+ Kb6
2. Qc7+ Ka7
3. Rxa5+ Qa6
4. Bd4#

Problem 10.
1. Ba3 Qxa3
2. Nh5+ gxh5
3. Qg5+ Kf8
4. Qxf6+ Kg8
5. Qf7+ Kh8
6. e7

Announcements

The Dubuque Chess Club has been restarted with a new location, just a few blocks from the old library location!
We meet every Monday at the St. John's Episcopal Church Parish House from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. 1458 Locust St, Dubuque, Iowa, 52001. Use the Locust St entrance at the top of the ramp. Ring the intercom if door is not open.
Membership is free. Contact
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In June, we were lucky enough to have President Eric Vigil organize FIDE Blitz tournaments in an OTB setting following COVID protocols.